

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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April 10, 2001

**FROM: THOMAS R. LAURIN, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**SUBJECT: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY'S 2000-2005 CONSOLIDATED
PLAN AND 2000-2001 ACTION PLAN – CDBG PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a substantial amendment to the County's 2000-2001 Strategic Plan and Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) portion of the County's 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan, to utilize \$62,500 of unprogrammed funds for the First Supervisorial District (310-12129/0583) to initiate a new Legal Aid Services Program (#310-26427) at \$7,500, and to add \$55,000 to the Joshua Tree Community Center Air Conditioning Units Installation Project (#229-26103/2035).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Each year, the County receives an entitlement grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to allow the funding of activities that benefit low-and moderate-income persons. To receive this grant, the County submits a five-year Consolidated Plan. The first year increment of the five-year plan is the 2000-2001 Action Plan portion of the Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan identifies how the County will allocate its CDBG funds.

The County's 2000-2001 Action Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 18, 2000 and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on June 6, 2000. Since the date of the Action Plan approval, changing community needs and priorities have arisen. This substantial change to the Action Plan is recommended in response to changing community development conditions.

The recommended action will allocate CDBG funds to the Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino to provide legal aid services in the City of Barstow for residents of the First Supervisorial District. Additionally, the action allocates additional CDBG funds needed to complete installation of new energy efficient air conditioning units to replace the existing non-functioning units at the Joshua Tree Community Center facility before Summer.

The public has been notified of the proposed amendment through a display advertisement published in local newspapers on March 27, 2001. The notice provided a thirty (30) day citizen comment period that ends on April 26, 2001. To date, no comments have been received regarding the proposal.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This action was reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Geoffrey Bogart, Administrative Analyst).

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The proposed amendment to the Consolidated Plan involves CDBG funds only, and will not affect the County General Fund.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): 1st.

PRESENTER: Thomas R. Laurin, Director, 388-0808.

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